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**REPLY/AMENDMENT  
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Attorney Docket No. 614.1963  
Application Number 09/289,580  
Filing Date April 12, 1999  
First Named Inventor Kazuhisa MURATA  
Group Art Unit 2633

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED 860.00 Examiner Name David C. Payne

**FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/01)**

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	29	- 20 =	9	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 162.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	27	- 20 =	7	X \$ 84.00 =	588.00
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>March 26, 2002</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$400); 3 months (\$920); 4 months (\$1,440); 5 months (\$1,960)):					110.00
If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$320)					0.00
If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110)					0.00
Total of above Calculations =					\$ 860.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)					
TOTAL FEES DUE =					\$ 860.00

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In re the Application of:

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For: OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND OPTICAL TRANSMISSION DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on March 26, 2002. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to April 26 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please REPLACE claims and ADD new claims, in accordance with the following:

1. (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) An optical transmission system, comprising a transmitting-end optical transmission device, a receiving-end optical transmission device and an optical transmission line connecting the transmitting-end and receiving-end optical transmission devices,

the transmitting-end optical transmission device comprising:

encoding means, having  $n$  outputs, for forming  $k$  data by aligning phases of data on  $k$  channels with each other and for generating  $(n-k)$  error correction bits for said  $k$  data and adding said  $(n-k)$  error correction bits to said  $k$  data $[:]$ , and

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